

The **talk topics** for next week are as follows:-

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| For Nursery   | Teach your mummy and daddy our new song ‘digging in the soil’ and then talk about what you would make with the vegetables that you pulled up. |
| For Reception | Is it important to take good care of nature and the mini-beasts? Why do you think that?                                                       |
| For Year 1    | If we cut down more and more trees in the rainforests, what might happen?                                                                     |
| For Year 2    | What can I do to make our world a better place?                                                                                               |
| For Year 3    | What is plastic pollution? How can we try to use less plastic?                                                                                |
| For Year 4    | What is going to happen in the rest of the book, ‘Judy and the Martian’ by Penelope Lively?                                                   |
| For Year 5    | What does it mean to be a good sportsman? Discuss                                                                                             |
| For Year 6    | Can you describe your cabin on board the Titanic?                                                                                             |

Next week in school we will be holding our **Human Footprint Week** when we shall be looking at the many ways that people affect the Environment and seeing what everybody can do to ensure that this effect become positive rather than negative over the next few decades.

Our **International Day this year** will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 to 14.30. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that we have throughout the school. Please let us know if you wish to be involved in hosting or supporting the stall for your particular country this year by sending an email into the school office. Next week we will send out more details but the idea is that the stall will give other families at the school the chance to see, hear and taste some of the sights, costumes, food and drink that makes your country special.

On the morning of Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> (9:30 to 11:30) our **Year 5 and 6 children will be going on a trip to Bibliothèque Sésame**, where they will be involved in a French programme ‘Le zeste qui compte’ which is an activity about food (why we eat and what we eat, the five senses in various cultures, advertising and cinema, organic food etc.)

As part of the school’s **‘Human Footprint Week’ next week** Years 1&2 will be spending the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Josaphat Park in Schaerbeek. This is a Science trip during which they will looking at the environment and considering ways in which nature is affected by humans. They will carry out a litter survey, a bird survey and take a look at the levels of pollution in the ponds and streams.

As is appropriate for Human Footprint Week they will walk to the park. If the weather is good they will eat lunch at the park. Children need to bring their snack, water bottle and (easy-to-eat) packed lunch in a small backpack. They should wear PE uniform, a waterproof coat and comfortable trainers in which they can walk easily.

On Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> the French teachers are organising **an outing to the Belgian Chocolate Village Museum**, from 10:00 to 12:00 am (departure 9:00 am) for our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children

For all new families arriving in Brussels you may wish to be aware that **children under 12 attending school in Brussels are entitled to travel for free on the Brussels public transport system**. However to do this they must have their own MOBIB card which costs 5 € and then load it with a free subscription J (abonnement J). They then use it every time they enter a bus, tram or metro. More information can be obtained from BISB or [www.stib.brussels](http://www.stib.brussels) .

Please take note that the **BISB Calendar for the 2019 / 20 academic year** is attached to the end of this weekly newsletter and so it will be available each week for the next 15 months.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be **departing for your summer holiday** before the end of June 2019.

As there is a very significant demand for school places at BISB throughout the year we ask for notice of withdrawal so that we are informed when the school place is going to be available and can be offered to other families joining BISB. Please note therefore that **if you have written to give us notice you can assume that the school place has already been given to another family**.

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation** each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. The next deduction will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3<sup>rd</sup> so any request made only 48 hours before the scheduled date to pause or add a payment is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Mishka for great colouring and some excellent reading this week!<br>Havish for great progress in reading and for brilliant Maths this week! |
| Year 1    | Pranavi for great work this week in all our Maths activities.<br>Akshathsai for writing a super letter asking for help with the             |

- environment
- Year 2 Nevaan for concentrating hard and for completing both his Maths and language work independently.  
Hasini for her excellent progress in spelling and reading and her great determination.
- Year 3 Aasritha for super work in maths this week.  
Anjika for writing a great story based on our 'Famous Five' book.
- Year 4 Aarav for excellent work and behaviour  
Rishi for great perseverance in his studies and cricket.
- Year 5 Arjun for being a batsman extraordinaire and hitting a fair number of sixes, thereby sealing our victory.
- Year 6 Eashan for his brilliant research about the Titanic - you must have worked exceptionally hard!

And finally this week's thought for the week is:-

“For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else.”

- Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

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Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 children visit to the Warandeberg park in Wezembeek
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Parc Cinquantenaire 05.00	Darkness Into Light - 5km walk for Mental Health Awareness
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of 'Our Human Footprint' week
Wednesday May 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 11:30	Year 5 and 6 children trip to Biblioth�que S�same
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 1 & 2 Science trip to Josaphat park
Tuesday May 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 12:00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 outing to the Belgian Chocolate Village Museum
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ascension Public Holiday Half Term Holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed - Pentecost Holiday
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	International Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Show
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 12.15	End of Summer Term

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2018 / 2019

**Autumn Term**

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Friday, October 26, 2018      School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Monday, October 29, 2018  
- Friday, November 2, 2018

Half Term  
Break

**Friday, December 21, 2018 at 12.15**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

**Start of Spring Term**

Friday, March 1, 2019

School Closed – Staff Training Day

Monday, March 4, 2019  
- Friday, March 8, 2019

Half Term  
Break

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**End of Spring Term**

Friday, April 5, 2019

School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

**Summer Term**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**Start of Summer Term**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 30, 2019  
Friday, May 31 2019

Ascension Public Holiday  
Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 10, 2019

Pentecost Holiday

**Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2019 / 2020

**Autumn Term**

**Monday, September 2, 2019**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Wednesday, September 11 Curriculum Briefing Evening

Friday, October 25, 2019 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Monday, October 28, 2019 Half Term  
- Friday, November 1, 2019 Break

Monday, November 11, 2019 Armistice Day Holiday

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12.20** **End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Monday, January 6, 2020**

**Start of Spring Term**

*Friday, Feb 21?, 2020* *School Closed – Staff Training Day*

Monday, February 24, 2020 Half Term  
- Friday, February 28, 2020 Break

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**End of Spring Term**

Friday, April 3, 2020 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

**Summer Term**

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

**Start of Summer Term**

Friday, May 1, 2020 May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Ascension Public Holiday  
Friday, May 22, 2020 Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 1, 2020 Pentecost Holiday

**Wednesday July 1 2020 at 12.20** **End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020